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Applicant : Guenter JOKSCHAS, et al.  
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Docket No. : 178/50052  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Filter with Annularly Constructed Filter Medium

**Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**REPLY**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.